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Paul Honored as "Taxpayers' Best Friend" in Congress

Washington, DC: Congressman Ron Paul ranked first among more than 500 Senators and Representatives in voting to lower federal taxes and spending last year! The National Taxpayers Union, a nonpartisan citizens organization, recently released its annual rating of fiscal policy votes for the year 2000. Congressman Paul was #1, voting consistently to reduce taxes, spending, debt, and regulation. "Congressman Paul's pro-taxpayer score was the best in the entire House and Senate," stated NTU President John Berthoud. "Year after year he consistently earns the title 'Taxpayers Friend.' Many members of Congress talk about reducing the size of government, but Ron Paul backs up the words with votes. He always votes against taxes and spending on principle, without regard to special interest pressures. He is an effective ally in our battle to restore fiscal responsibility to Washington." Unlike other organizations, NTU receives bipartisan praise for its innovative rating system. One Senator said that NTU's roll call rating system "is the most comprehensive and the most objective. It covers virtually every vote involving federal money. It makes no effort to provide a self-serving moral assessment." "If the current Congress cannot overcome the urge to splurge and a reluctance to trim taxes, our economy could be in for a devastating one-two punch," Berthoud concluded. "But Congress can avoid this knockout blow to hard-working Americans, by joining Ron Paul in voting for taxpayer interests instead of special interests."